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The **New Taipei City Gold Museum** (Chinese: 新北市立黃金博物館; pinyin: *Xīnběishìlì Huángjīn Bówùguǎn*), formerly known as the Gold Ecological Park, is a museum of the gold mining industry in Ruifang District, New Taipei, Taiwan.[3][1] The Gold Museum is an open-air museum consisting of several buildings and sites.

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新北市立黃金博物館

Established	4 November 2004[1]
Location	Ruifang, New Taipei, Taiwan
Coordinates	25°06′35″N 121°51′26″E
Type	Museum
Visitors	2,184,043 (2016)[2]
Owner	New Taipei City Government
Website	www.gep.ntpc.gov.tw (http://www.gep-en.ntpc.gov.tw/)

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History

The museum was opened on 4 November 2004 by the Taipei County Government as Gold Ecological Park (Chinese: 黃金博物園區). After the formation of New Taipei City, the park was renamed Gold Museum, though as of December 2015, some signage still shows the old name, including the front entrance gate.[4]

Architecture

The museum buildings used to be offices, dormitories, processing plants and other facilities of the Taiwan Metal Mining Corp. The Gold Museum includes the following: Gold Building, Experience the Benshan Fifth Tunnel, Crown Prince Chalet, Jin Shui Special Exhibition Hall, Gold Refining Building, and Four Joined Japanese-Style Residences.

Exhibitions

The **Gold Building** provides information about the discovery of gold in the area, with displays on the Benshan Tunnels, old mining equipment, mining transport systems and a brief introduction to the World War II Japanese Kinkaseki POW Camp on its first floor. The second floor introduces the properties of gold, with works of art made of gold and a world-record 220.30 kg 999.9 pure gold brick for visitors to see and touch.[1]

The **Crown Prince Chalet** is a residence built in 1922 for the proposed visit of Crown Prince Hirohito to the area (a visit that never materialized). Decades later it was used by Chiang Kai-shek as lodging in the area.

Transportation

The museum is accessible by bus from Ruifang Station of the Taiwan Railways.[5]

See also

- List of museums in Taiwan
- Jinguashi Mine
- Ōgon Shrine
- Jinguashi

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